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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Masahiko Nakayama

Application No.: 10/631,897

Art Unit: 2124

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For: Decibel adjustment device with shift  
amount control circuit

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004 (Paper No. 20040709), please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application.

**FEE CALCULATION**

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	1	- 20* =		X	
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## CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.